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TAGS: PINS, SO, MOPS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF SOMALI ARMY OFFICERS

- 1. AFP ITEM ON APRIL 8 FROM NAIROBI REPORTED EXECUTION BY FIRING SQUAD IN HARGEISA OF EIGHTY SENIOR SOMALI ARMY OFFICERS AFTER THEY HAD ATTEMPTED TO SHOUT DOWN PRESIDENT SIAD DURING A BRIEF MEETING WITH SOMALI OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAD ARRIVED IN HARGEISA FROM THE OGADEN WAR FRONT. SOMALI UN PERM REP ABDIRAZAK HAGI HUSSEN HAS TOLD DEPT OFF. THAT HIS SOURCES FROM ANTI-SIAD SOMALIS OUTSIDE SOMALIA HAVE CONFIRMED EXECUTION OF EIGHTY OFFICERS AND MAINTAIN THAT COUP ATTEMPT WAS RETALIATION EFFORT. IF SO, COUP ATTEMPT MAY BE SYMPTOM OF MORE WIDESPREAD DISAFFECTION THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE INDICATED.
- 2. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN FURNISH ON THIS STORY. CONFIDENTIAL

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WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO KNOW IF EXECUTIONS OF WHATEVER MAGNITUDE ARE REFLECTION OF GROWING CLAN OPPOSITION TO SIAD GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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